## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

JONATHAN MCCANN on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

SHIRLEY S. HILL, VERNON W. HILL II, and INTERARCH, INC.,

Defendants, and

INTERARCH, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST,

Nominal Defendant

Case No. 20-6435 (NLH/JS)

PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, Plaintiff moves this Court for an order (1) preliminarily approving the Amendment to Class Action Settlement Agreement and Modified Plan of Allocation, which are respectively attached as Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2 to the Declaration of R. Joseph Barton filed with this Motion; (2) approving the form of the Proposed Supplemental Class Notice attached as Exhibit 3 to the Declaration of R. Joseph Barton; and (3) setting deadlines for a schedule of events as set forth below, including a date for the Final Approval Hearing that provides a sufficient amount of time for mailing of the Supplemental Class Notice, for Class Members to file any objections to the changes to the Settlement, and for Class Counsel to respond to any objections. Defendants do not oppose this Motion. In support of this Motion, Plaintiff states as follows:

1. The Court certified Counts I-V in this case as a class action under Rule 23(b)(1) and (b)(2) on April 8, 2022, appointing Plaintiff as Class Representative and Plaintiff's counsel R. Joseph Barton and Adam Garner as Co-Lead Class Counsel. ECF No. 53 at ¶¶ 1, 6-7.

- 2. Also on April 8, 2022, the Court granted preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement between Plaintiff and Defendants, approved the form of Class Notice, appointed RG/2 Claims Administration LLC as the Settlement Administrator, and directed notice to the Class. *Id.* at ¶ 5-20. RG/2 effected notice to the Class by U.S. mail on May 2, 2022. ECF No. 57.
- 3. On July 22, 2022, the parties filed cross motions to extend the deadlines regarding the class action settlement (ECF Nos. 56 and 58) and notified the Court that Defendants had given notice of their intent to withdraw from the settlement which would become effective only 30 days after such notice if no agreed modification was reached and that counsel for the parties were discussing whether the parties would enter into a modified settlement. The Court ordered the parties to file a new preliminary approval motion. ECF No. 63.
- 4. The parties have reached a modified settlement, the terms of which are unchanged from the Settlement previously preliminarily approved by the Court except as memorialized in the Amendment to Class Action Settlement Agreement. The accompanying brief explains the modifications to the Settlement effected by the Amendment and sets forth why the amended Settlement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and should be preliminarily approved by the Court.
- 5. In order to facilitate the orderly resolution of the Action, Plaintiff proposes deadlines for a schedule of events, including a date for the Final Approval Hearing that provides a sufficient amount of time for mailing of the Notice, for Class Members to file any objections to the Settlement, and for Class Counsel to respond to any objections. Plaintiff and Class Counsel request that the Court establish the dates set forth below.

EVENT	PROPOSED DEADLINE
Independent Fiduciary to issue opinion, as set	21 Days After Preliminary Approval of
forth in the Settlement Agreement.	Amended Settlement Agreement
Settlement Administrator to send	15 Days After Preliminary Approval of
Supplemental Notice by U.S. mail and/or E-	Amended Settlement Agreement
mail to the Class	
Settlement Administrator to post	15 Days After Preliminary Approval of
Supplemental Class Notice and other	Amended Settlement Agreement
documents/information about the Amended	
Settlement to web site	
Settlement Administrator submits declaration	30 Days After Deadline to Send Supplemental
to Court confirming compliance with Notice	Class Notice
procedures	
Class Counsel files any supplemental	14 Days Before Objection Deadline
declaration(s) in support of motion for	
attorneys' fees, costs, expenses	
Deadline for Class Members to mail any	30 Days After Supplemental Class Notice is
objection to Plan of Allocation	Sent
Class Counsel to file motion for final approval	14 Days Before Fairness Hearing
Defendants to file any motion or brief in	14 Days before Fairness Hearing [same
support of additional findings requested of the	deadline as motion for final approval]
Court on Final Approval	
Fairness Hearing	At least 80 Days after Preliminary Approval
	of Amended Settlement Agreement

## Respectfully submitted,

## /s/ Adam H. Garner

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

I hereby certify on this 15th day of September, 2022, a copy of the foregoing was filed

electronically via the Court's CM/ECF system and is available for viewing and downloading by

all counsel of record from the CM/ECF system.

/s/ Adam H. Garner

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